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To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair
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MOTION TO SUPPORT AB 28 (PAVLEY) – DEPLOYMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT (ITEM NO. 11 AGENDA OF APRIL 8, 2003)

Item No. 11 on the April 8, 2003 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Knabe to support AB 28 (Pavley) and to have the Chief Administrative Officer send letters of support urging quick passage of AB 28 to the Los Angeles County State Delegation and Governor Gray Davis.

AB 28 would establish the Firefighting Hazardous Materials Response Team Equipment Program to provide funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purchase of hazardous materials response apparatus and equipment for distribution to State and local agencies.

Currently, the State Office of Emergency Services (OES) has a program for purchasing thermal imaging firefighting equipment for distribution to state and local firefighting agencies. AB 28 would require the OES to establish equipment deployment criteria based on 1) the number of hazardous materials response teams in relation to population, 2) potential targets for terrorism, 3) transportation routes and facilities, 4) water and waste water treatment plants and nuclear powerplants, 5) information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other agencies relating to terrorist targets, and 6) the number of industrial or commercial facilities that receive, handle, or generate hazardous materials.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department indicates that AB 28 will help facilitate their acquisition of needed equipment and recommends a support position on AB 28, and we concur. Support of AB 28 is consistent with Board Policy to support financial assistance to local governments for the acquisition of fire apparatus.

AB 28 is sponsored by the California Professional Firefighters Association. The bill is in the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee and is scheduled to be heard on April 7, 2003. It is supported by the California Professional Firefighters, Kern County Fire Fighters Union Inc., Marin Professional Firefighters, and the Orange County Professional Firefighters Association. There is no opposition on record.

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